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TO: Members of the House Taxation Committee

FROM: Tom Altmaier, volunteer advocate AARP Montana

RE: HB 540- Alternative Energy Tax Credit

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Tom Altmaier and I'm a volunteer advocate for AARP Montana—a non-profit, non-partisan organization of 165,000 members in this state. AARP Montana believes that tax credits that target low and moderate income Montanans are a proven way to both promote good public policy and encourage economic growth. This bill will create cost savings for Montana households in years to come by effectively reducing the cost of upgrading your home to be more energy efficient.

This bill would help to make sure that it's not just our wealthiest companies that take on green projects, but also regular Montana households.

Thank you, and we urge your support on HB 540.